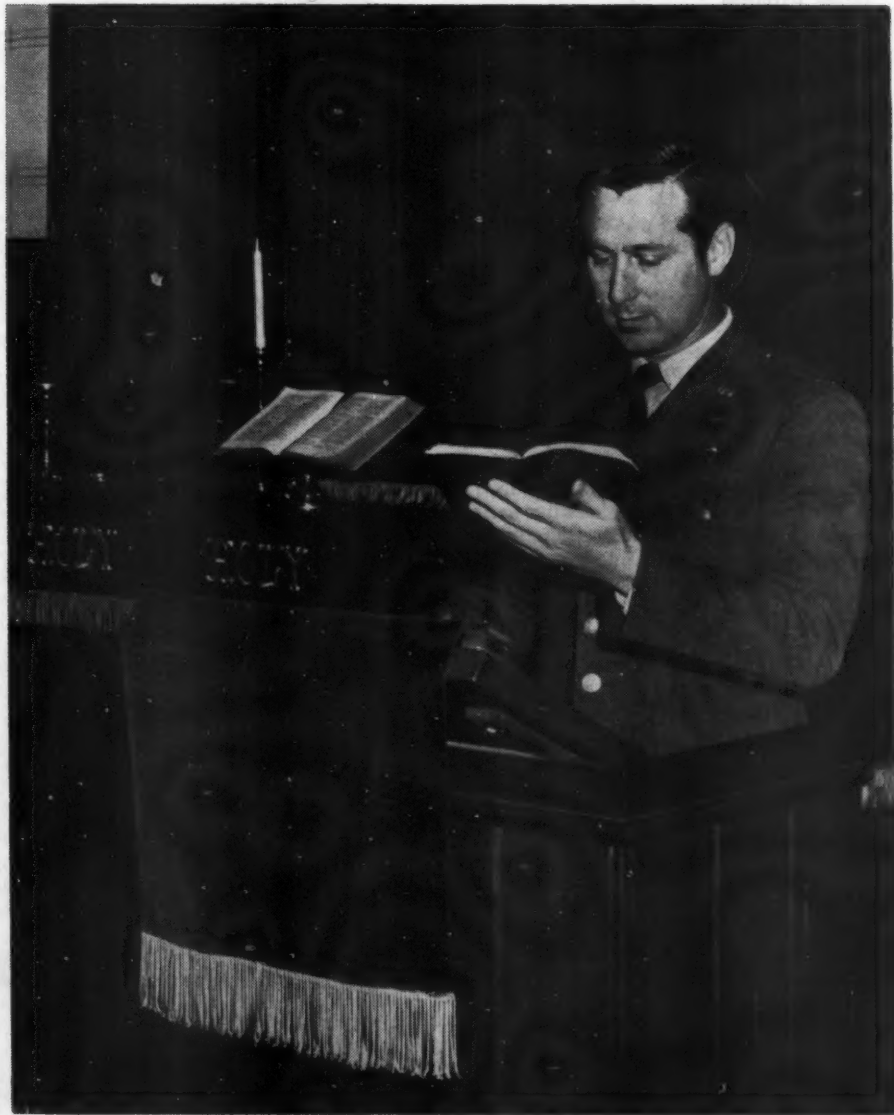


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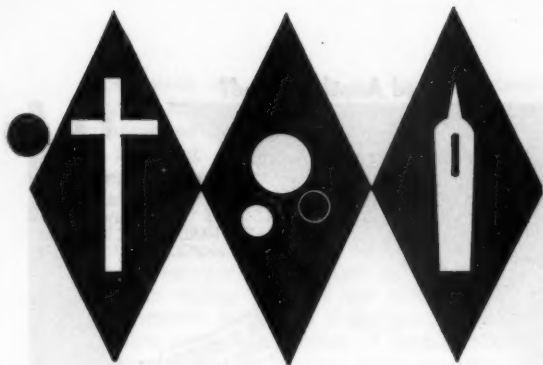
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# Editorial

## The Habit of Going to the Devil

THE INSTINCTS OF MAN compel him to seek refuge in times of trouble and peril. The wisdom of man should cause him to seek this refuge long before the peril comes. The spirit of man urges him to seek this refuge in God.

One of the sad facts of life is that man too seldom seeks refuge until trouble is upon him, and that even then he seldom finds it. Through the ages man has developed the habit of going to the devil.

This is a troubled age, an age when the scriptural prophecies of distress and trouble are being fulfilled before our eyes. Men's hearts are faint for fear within their bosoms, and there is a great search for peace. The pathetic thing is that very few are successful in their search, for in their scurry and scramble they follow false trails to empty ends or become lost in blind alleys. The resulting increase of confusion is hinted at in Proverbs 14:12, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Notice that a single false way becomes *ways* of death.

This is a time of growing alarm, frustration and fear. There is the lowering spectre of possible war, the frightening spread of crime, a sickening moral corruption in high places, and the terrifying realization that man is unable to cope with the evil of his day. Besides the social ills, there are personal complexes and perplexities that must be considered. It is a time of confusion, guilt, distress of mind and nervous tension.

Everything within man cries out for help, but where shall he turn—to whom shall he go?

1. Instinctively, many turn to *religion*. When we seek to make religion a crutch for our lameness or a sedative from reality, then our religion is vain. Turning to religion is not necessarily turning to God. We are not to make religion a cloak or a covert; true religion is a way of living, a way of life; religion of convenience is a false way that leads to the ways of death. When man turns to religion he should be very sure that he turns to Jesus Christ and not merely a painless balm for his conscience. Adopting religion

for convenience's sake leads at the best to self-righteousness and a seared conscience; or, which is worse, to apostasy and iniquity. This day of trouble in which we live is more *religious* than ever before, but it is definitely not more *righteous*. Accepting religion or a "philosophy of life" is one thing; accepting Christ is another.

2. Many turn to *psychiatry*. These are days of hypertension and self-conflict, when the pressures all around us prey upon our peace of mind. Psychology has done much toward the understanding of the human mind and its complexes, and psychiatry has done much toward the correction of those ills. Psychiatric treatment is frequently good, but only when it recognizes its limitations and turns the mind toward God. It should be a road to God and not a substitute for Him.

Frequently the distress of mind is caused by a lack of fellowship with God. No mental therapy is sufficient to correct this ill except that which comes at the cross of Christ.

3. Strange as it may seem, many in our modern day turn in time of trouble to *divination*. Just as King Saul went to the "witch" of Endor in his time of distress, so do the superstitious of this day turn to "fortune-telling" in their time of trouble. This modern sorcery is a way of deceit, confusion and evil.

4. Some turn to *alcohol* to drown their sorrow. The inability to face up to reality leads those who are weak or erratic to this destruction of health and mind. In a time of trouble they turn to the devil for their solace. The solace of drunkenness is short, for the Word of God says,

*Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?*

*They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.*

*Look not thou upon the wine when it is red,*

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**M**ANY articles have been penned, and countless messages have been delivered from the pulpit visualizing the uniqueness and the universality of God's all-sufficient grace given through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Righteous.

Grace may be defined as God's everlasting and unmerited love for all His creation. The Greek word for grace is *charis* which may be translated grace, favor, thank, pleasure, acceptable, benefits, gift, gracious, joy, and liberality.

In Genesis, which means "Beginnings," God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (1:26). "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (2:7). "The Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (2:15-17).

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (3:6). In the preceding narrative you have read of the Creation, the first temptation, and the fall of man. This was the beginning of sorrows for the human race. Adam and Eve were created in absolute perfection, and they were placed in the best surroundings possible—a beautiful garden planted by God. They died the very instant they disobeyed God. They merited death because they believed not that which the Lord God had spoken unto them. However, because of God's unmerited love for them, He made coats of skins and clothed Adam and Eve. Yes, God's grace went even beyond supplying their natural needs, for He said, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15). This is God's first promise of the coming of Jesus Christ who would redeem man from his fallen state of sin and place him once again into fellowship with God, his Creator. All that Adam lost, Christ would



regain. Man did not merit this redemption. God's grace or unmerited love provided it.

I have always liked to visualize the children of Israel as they stopped at the banks of the Red Sea. To the rear of them was the rumble of Pharaoh's advancing Egyptian chariots. In front of them was the uncrossable Red Sea. Is it any wonder that the children of Israel cried out to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?" (Exodus 14:11). But thanks be unto our God for a man like Moses who knew that God's grace is always sufficient. Moses said unto the people, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you today. . . . The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace."

This experience of the Israelites is typical of the

## My Grace Is Sufficient for You

By W. D. Polen

Laurel, Mississippi

experiences we meet as we travel through on our journey to the promised land. Too often in our pilgrimage we just ramble helter-skelter along the road of life, not knowing what is ahead until we find ourselves between a rock and a hard place. God wants you and me to bring every care and every problem to Him, and lay it at His feet. When this is done, we too shall be able to stand still and see the deliverance of the Lord as the children of Israel saw the rolling back of the Red Sea.

Remember how God transformed Joseph from an Israelite slave to the ruler of Egypt—how God locked the jaws of the hungry lions to keep Daniel safe in his hour of testing—how God took the heat out of the huge fiery furnace in order to deliver the three Hebrew children who trusted in Him. God will never leave a trusting soul.

Before Jesus made His trip to Calvary, He told His disciples, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." God's grace provided this promise of His Son on the Day of Pentecost when all of the occupants of the Upper Room were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

God's grace opened Stephen's eyes as he was being stoned, for he saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. God's grace sent an angel to deliver Peter from prison. God's grace used an earth-

quake to deliver Paul and Silas, and save the Philippian jailer.

IN THESE DAYS of unrest, circumstances and problems may vary, but God's grace is still more than sufficient to meet every need of every man, woman, boy and girl. His grace still embodies all knowledge, all power, and His omnipresence. Yes, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Let me encourage you to seek the face of God. Don't be afraid to trust God with your soul as well as with your difficulties and problems. I have traveled in forty of the states of our country, and also into Canada, and never at anytime has anyone ever come to me and said, "The Lord has failed me!" My friend, God loves you so much that He sent His only begotten Son to dark Calvary to die on the old rugged cross so that you may have life and fellowship with the Father through Jesus Christ. Jesus came to earth and died for you in order to aid you along life's way. He came to seek and to save that which was lost—those who were in need of His salvation.

I have known the Lord personally for thirteen years. His fellowship has been sweet and closer than that of a brother. He has never failed me, and as words of encouragement to you—HE WILL NEVER FAIL YOU.

"And why need I say more? For time will fail me if I tell the story of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, and of David and Samuel and the prophets; men who, through faith, conquered whole kingdoms, executed true justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put to flight foreign armies. Women received back their dear ones alive from the dead; and others were put to death with torture, refusing the deliverance offered to them—that they might secure a better resurrection. Others again were tested by cruel mockery and by scourging; yes, and by chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tried by temptation, they were killed with the sword. They went from place to place in sheepskins, enduring want, oppression and cruelty—men of whom the world was not worthy; they wandered across deserts and mountains, or hid themselves in caves and in holes in the ground. And although by their faith they all won God's approval, none of them received the fulfillment of His promise; because God had provided for us something better, so that apart from us they were not to be perfected. Therefore, surrounded as we are by such a vast cloud of witnesses, let us fling aside every encumbrance and the sin that so readily entangles our feet. And let us run with patient endurance the race that lies before us, simply fixing our gaze upon Jesus, the Leader and Perfecter of faith. He, for the sake of the joy which lay before Him, patiently endured the cross, looking with contempt upon its shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God," Hebrews 11:32-40; 12:1, 2 (The New Testament in Modern Speech, by R. F. Weymouth).

#### DIVINE TRANQUILIZER



THE CHRIST 'REBUKED THE WIND, AND SAID UNTO THE SEA, 'PEACE, BE STILL'



AND THE WIND CEASED, AND THERE WAS A GREAT CALM.—MARK 4:39

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# AN UNFINISHED TASK

By Roger Gupton

*"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned," Mark 16:15, 16.*

**M**ORE THAN 1900 years ago the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to His Father's throne and sat down at His right side, but He promised to return. Then why does He wait? He is waiting for us to complete the unfinished task—"Go ye into all the world," "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." What has the Church done during the years since He ascended? Have His orders been carried out?

Jesus did not tell us to build colleges, universities, seminaries, hospitals, asylums, homes for the aged, organize Sunday Schools, youth rallies, conventions, and camp meetings, but we have done it. And we should have done it, for it is all definitely good, but the one thing He did tell us to do is the thing we have left undone. We have not given His gospel to the entire world! We have not yet carried out His orders.

The supreme task of the Church is the evangelization of the world. Emotions and sympathy are no substitute for action. Can we piously claim that this task has been accomplished when over a thousand tribes and nearly 2,000 "tongues" remain today without a gospel portion?

When Jesus fed the multitudes, He fed them all equally—none were favored above others. He divided the bread among them all, "and they did all eat, and were filled," Mark 6:42.

What about those 1,000 tribes who have never yet tasted a crumb of the bread of life? What about those 1,789 languages into which not a portion of the gospel has been translated? What about the greatest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world, South America—neighbor to the world's most evangelized nation—where over 400 tribes have not yet been reached? Can we halt Christ's soon return, while we neglect these millions who would be left to die without a single gospel witness? Why should some hear the gospel repeatedly while these masses never hear it once?

We talk about Christ's second coming; these millions have never heard of His first coming. We argue about receiving a second blessing; these multitudes have never heard of a first blessing. We preach about refilling; these masses have never heard of a first filling.

It is profoundly declared, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come," Matthew 24:14. To fulfill the foregoing Scripture, and for the purpose of ushering in the blessed appearing of our Saviour, we must girdle the globe with the gospel. God has provided for the completion of the unfinished task through the ingenuity of man. The instruments through which this message must be channeled are the press, radio, television, and the preached Word of God, to say nothing of the witness given by the hundreds of thousands of saints who contact the unsaved each day.

**THIS IS A** crucial hour in the course of church history. Never before has the need been so urgent for the spreading of the gospel to all the world; never have the times been so significant, and never have the means been so abundant; never has the Church of God been called upon to do so much in so short a time. In this momentous hour of opportunity and responsibility ask yourself: What is my church doing—what is my business doing—what am I doing—toward completing this all-important task—the spreading of the gospel "unto all the world" and to "every creature"?

In our world where sin and the workings of the devil are so prevalent, naturally the question would arise, what is being done toward the completion of the unfinished task? As revival continues to spread across the world, a change in missionary thinking is rapidly developing. Reports of slow progress and endless struggle to win a few souls are being replaced by the gratifying news of masses hearing the gospel in great open-air revival campaigns; of multitudes of heathen people accepting Christ as "this gospel of the kingdom" is being proclaimed "with evidence."

Why is all this? Because the harvest is ripe! The gospel seed faithfully sown by missionaries and workers of past generations is at last springing forth in an abundant harvest prior to Christ's imminent return. At the same time, God is raising up and sending forth an army of reapers who are proclaiming the gospel with signs, wonders and miracles following their ministry. Nothing but the miraculous ministry of



Christ has ever turned or will ever turn the masses of heathen people to Christ.

Each of the great missionary evangelistic crusades constitutes a wealth of unquestionable proof that early Church methods of ministry, through Holy-Ghost-filled vessels, inevitably produce the same results today as in Bible days, regardless of country, custom or tradition, be they modern or ancient.

This is not theoretical propagation. This is not establishing creeds and proselyting members. This is not routine missionary activity. This is not building compounds and hiring a staff of servants. This is world evangelism "with signs following"! This is carrying out Christ's last orders! This is doing what He commissioned the Church to do! This is completing the unfinished task!



# ELIM MISSIONARY ASSEMBLIES

ONE OF THE EARLY landmarks in the Pentecostal outpouring soon after the turn of this century was the Elim Faith Home and Bible Training School in Rochester, New York. For many years it continued as an "oasis" for sincere seekers for God.

This school closed in the spring of 1924 and Ivan Q. Spencer, a graduate, felt impressed to establish a similar school, since there was none in the area. This he did in the fall of the same year. As the years passed and the school increased, many of the graduates of Elim Bible Institute, not associated with any other fellowship, and the churches they had established, felt the need for cooperative expression. With definite openings in foreign fields and several graduates prepared to go, the Elim Ministerial Fellowship was formed in 1933.

The Elim Missionary Assemblies, established in 1947, is an outgrowth of this fellowship and was formed to more adequately care for these expanding responsibilities. It is a fellowship of approximately 3,000 persons in fifty cooperating churches. Though the body is not large, it is now sponsoring forty mis-

sionaries in ten foreign countries and is continually expanding its activities.

The activities of the Elim Missionary Assemblies are perpetuated by annual representative assemblies, and during the year by a seven-member executive committee. The present officers are: Ivan Q. Spencer, President; Daniel Evans, Vice-President; Carlton Spencer, Secretary, and Ward H. Lusk, Treasurer.

The *Elim Pentecostal Herald* is the official organ of the association. It began publication in 1930 and is edited by its founder Ivan Spencer.

In 1951 the E.M.A. purchased The Genesee Wesleyan College Campus (Methodist) at Lima, New York, for the expanding needs of the Elim Bible Institute. The plant, valued at \$400,000, also serves as a central office for its various activities.

The Elim Missionary Assemblies is a member of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America and the National Association of Evangelicals and is actively co-operating in the visitation of the Holy Spirit which is being evidenced throughout the world.

—Carlton Spencer, Secretary



Chaplain Shoupe greeted by Base Chaplain, Major Riley A. Brickey.

## The Chaplaincy: AN UNOPENED DOOR

By Edward E. Shoupe

Canton, Georgia

A NEW FIELD of labor, as yet barely touched by our church, has begun to open to the ministry of the Church of God: the chaplaincy in the armed forces of our country. At present the door into this new field is only slightly ajar. It is because of this fact that a new challenge faces our younger ministers.

We have a world-wide missions program reaching into the four corners of the world. Hundreds of churches are being organized in our own country annually. Many of our ministers are serving at worship services in prison camps and other institutions. Many are members of civic clubs, ministerial associations, and other organizations. Yet, we have not one minister who is an active chaplain in any of the armed forces of the United States.

The potentialities of this field are unlimited to the Christian ministry. There are fewer hindrances in per-

formance of a God-called ministry in this area than any other. No greater opportunity affords itself, no ripper field for personal evangelism, no more fertile ground for the Word, and no greater challenge for effective, aggressive, dynamic, and spiritual ministry than the chaplaincy of the armed forces. This is an earthly and real place which demands proof of the reality of the words of Christ, "Ye are the light of the world . . . the salt of the earth."

In September, 1956, it was my pleasure to meet with the N.A.E. Commission on Chaplains in Washington, D. C. At that time the Reverend W. C. Byrd, present Overseer of Tennessee, was the Church of God representative serving on this commission. No other person has given greater support and more sincere effort to establish a positive influence with the members of this commission than he. This commis-

sion is the processing agency for our church. It is through this commission that our church secures commissions for her qualified ministers into the chaplaincy. Without such an agency it would be impossible for us to get a minister appointed as chaplain. Only commissioned chaplains and civilian ministers who receive approval from the Chief of Air Force Chaplains in Washington are permitted to conduct religious services and activities on any military establishment. There are several other denominations who use this commission to represent them. Since our denomination is comparatively small, we are grouped with several others of similar size making up a miscellaneous group. This is necessary since each commission is allowed a commissioned chaplain for every so many thousand members for the particular denomination or denominations that it represents.

As yet we have no active chaplain in any of the armed forces of our country. Personally, I received my reserve commission into the Air Force by direct appointment of the President on July 24, 1956. At the time of commission, as well as presently, my application was for active service, but due to obstacles known and unknown no active duty call has come for my present commission. It is a time for patience and persistence. I actively participate by attending reservists meetings twice each month and by requesting an annual tour of duty each year.

I have just completed a fifteen-day tour at Dobbins Air Force Base, Marietta, Georgia. It has been my privilege to participate, as a chaplain, in the various religious and social activities on the base. My work was not too different from that in the civilian ministry. I preached in the worship services and presided over others. I ministered to the sick in the base infirmary and to those in the military confinement facilities. It was my welcomed opportunity to interview airmen and officers checking in and out on the base. I found a great challenge in premarital and other forms of personal counseling. During this tour, I became acquainted with other chaplains of other denominations and faiths; this did my heart good.

The prospects for the future are undefined. At present the possibility for an active Church of God chaplain, in view of the present cut-back, may be yet in the future. As does Brother Earl T. Golden, I feel that much more needs to be done for our youth who are in military service. I think that our youth would like to know that our church is participating in every way to establish a relationship within the military that will benefit their spir-





Chaplain Brickey, Chaplain Shoupe and chaplain's assistant A1/c Richard Morris practicing hymns for worship services.

itual needs. Let us unite in prayer that our waiting period will be short for one of our young minis-

ters to be actively engaged as a chaplain.



Pray for my son to live closer to the Lord, and that God will heal me. I suffer a lot with my head.  
*A Sister in Christ  
Winona, Mississippi*

Pray for Mrs. Bessie Coppel of Coolville, Ohio, to be healed of cancer, tumor and gall bladder trouble.  
*Anna Thompson*

Pray for my husband to be healed of high blood pressure and other afflictions, to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy

Ghost. Pray that God will supply our financial needs.

*Mrs. Dave Starling*

Pray for a special request.

*Mrs. Pearl Wood  
Walhalla, South Carolina*

Pray for me that I will let God have His way in my life. I feel the Lord has something for me to do and I want to do His will.

*Ruben Wingate  
Atlanta, Georgia*

Pray for me to be healed of a kidney affliction and other troubles.

*Mrs. Pearl Emmons  
Booneville, Mississippi*

Pray for my daughter who is in the hospital that she will be healed. Also pray for our lost children and a special request.

*Mrs. Alonzo Wright  
Lecompte, Louisiana*

Pray for me to be healed. I have been afflicted for some time.

*Nellie McKnab  
Titus, Georgia*

Pray for my right shoulder and arm to be healed; pray for my children and my father who is 83 years of age to be saved; and pray that we will have a way to attend church.

*Mrs. Nellie Berry  
Dillon, South Carolina*

Pray for my daughter to be healed of a growth in her nose; pray for my son in the navy to be saved; and pray for me to be healed of headaches.

*Mrs. LaVada Wood  
Calhoun, Georgia*

Pray for me. I am very sick. My heart bothers me.

*Mrs. Maggie Campbell  
Lumberton, North Carolina*

Pray for me to have a greater desire to pray and live closer to God and to have a forgiving spirit.

*Mrs. A. S. Payne  
Galax, Virginia*

Pray for my sister and brother-in-law who were in a wreck; my sister is unable to use her left arm. Pray for my sister-in-law who had a bad stroke and has a blood clot on her brain. Pray also for three brothers and a sister who are unsaved; pray for my daughter and husband to stay in the Lord's will and for me to have more power to do the things God would have me do.

*Mrs. Alice Hall  
Lubbock, Texas*

Pray for my eyes to be healed. It is difficult for me to read or write.

*A wheelchair shut-in  
New Philadelphia, Ohio*

Pray for my baby to be healed; pray for unspoken requests.

*Mrs. Sam Cook  
Homerville, Georgia*

Pray for my grandchild who is an invalid.

*Grace Grant  
Max Meadows, Virginia*

Pray for my family, and for some very urgent unspoken requests.

*Mrs. Cleve King  
Altoona, Alabama*

Pray for me to be in God's will; pray that God will heal my companion so he can go back to his job. Pray that God will bless in our home and supply our needs.

*Hamilton, Ohio*

Pray for my nephew; pray for my son who is out of work, and for a very special request.

*Pearl Wood  
Walhalla, South Carolina*

Pray for a very special request and pray also for a friend.

*Minnie Lee Coker  
Montgomery, Alabama*

Pray for Mrs. Mildred Marston who was operated on for cancer; pray for Evelyn Seigars to be healed, and for me to be faithful.

*Mrs. Sadie Seigars  
Wiscasset, Maine*

Pray for my brother who is in a very serious condition; pray for my children to be saved, for our little church; and pray for me to be healed.

*Mrs. Alonzo Wright  
Lecompte, Louisiana*

# testimonies

## FRIENDS AND PRAYERS HELPED HIM



**KANNAPOLIS, N. C.**—For almost twelve years I suffered intensely and was totally unable to help support my family. I had chronic ulcerated colitis and as a result of this, had to have a permanent colostomy and fistula. The doctors also said it was cancerous.

During this time I had operation after operation at Duke Hospital. After each operation or hospitalization I would usually ask the head doctors if they thought I would ever be well. The answer was always the same, "Not a chance, you are lucky to be as well off as you are."

In February of last year my colostomy ruptured and I had to go to Duke for the operation to be redone. Before leaving, we contacted many of God's people for prayer. After many X rays they discovered

I was completely healed of the internal disease and was normal. That has been almost a year and I'm still well today, except for a heart condition. Pray that I will be healed of that.

We shall never be able to praise the Lord enough for this, and we are grateful to all our wonderful friends who held on to God for me when to man it seemed an impossibility. Pray that we will always stay in the center of God's will.

—R. A. Sawyer

The following article appeared in the *Daily Independent Sunday Magazine*.

Friends, lots of them and their prayers have helped bring Robert Andrew Sawyer from "the depths of a dark valley" out into the sunshine of a healthy and useful life.

Also instrumental was a full measure of faith in God and no little courage.

A native of Elizabeth City, Sawyer came here in early 1947 a sick man unable to earn even a meager livelihood. The destitute family included his wife, who was with child at the time, a five-year-old son and a two-year-old daughter.

His wife's relatives here, though not wealthy, had invited the Sawyers to cast their lot with them and share what they had—after a visit to their home down east had revealed their dire circumstances.

In the years that have intervened, Robert Sawyer's in-laws as well as many new-found friends in Kannapolis have helped him immeasurably, not only with material goods, but with prayers and encouragement that have enabled him to overcome an illness that was considered incurable.

"I have never found any place where people have been as nice to me and my family as in Kannapolis," he said recently, "and I want you to thank them for me."

"I was hoping I could find a way to thank them, and it looks like God has provided a way through your newspaper."

Sawyer, now nearing 54, was a sick man long before he came to the Towel City. Diagnosed finally as a chronic ulcerated colitis, the cancer-like disease had required a series of operations that resulted in removal of one portion after another of his intestines.

Early in life he had operated a grocery business, then later he worked at the Norfolk Naval Operating Base until he became too sick to hold down a job of any kind.

He had reached about the lowest ebb when he came here and he continued to make frequent trips to Duke and North Carolina Baptist Hospitals where doctors told him his condition was permanent, he would have to learn to live with it.

Each time he went to the hospital though, the congregation at the Kannapolis Church of God and many other individuals prayed for him.

They helped his family, too, with the necessities of life. After the third child was born, Mrs. Sawyer found employment in the local mills. ("It's really wonderful the way she has stuck by me during all these years of hardship," he says.)

But even with his wife working, he found the mounting medical bills a big problem. That was where his friends and his wife's relatives played such a big part in his life.

Prior to his recovery he averaged one operation a year over a twelve-year period. He contracted a heart ailment during the interim and

even developed arthritis. As if that were not enough, he broke a leg in 1950.

His original condition continued to worsen in the meantime. He needed emergency surgery after his appendix became lodged in the patched-up intestinal tract, and infection set in after one operation.

Finally a local doctor urged him to go to Duke another time. "If you don't get some help now," he said, "you may be beyond help."

Once back at Duke, Sawyer found members of the medical profession in disagreement over what could be done. For the most part the older doctors felt nothing could be done; no one in the history of Duke Hospital had ever been cured of the disease.

Some of the younger ones wanted to try to restore the patient to his normal condition. They admitted that if the painful operation were a failure, a second operation would be necessary, and Sawyer would be right back where he started.

By now a veteran of surgery, Sawyer was ready to try the younger doctors' suggestion. He felt he had everything to gain, and besides he had "a ray of hope."

"I had begun to feel as if something good was going to happen to me in my old age," he said, "and I felt this might be it."

So last February, while the folks back home prayed, Robert Sawyer was rolled to the operating room once more. In April, the operation a success, he walked out of the hospital again, this time holding firmly to the "ray of hope" that had become a reality.

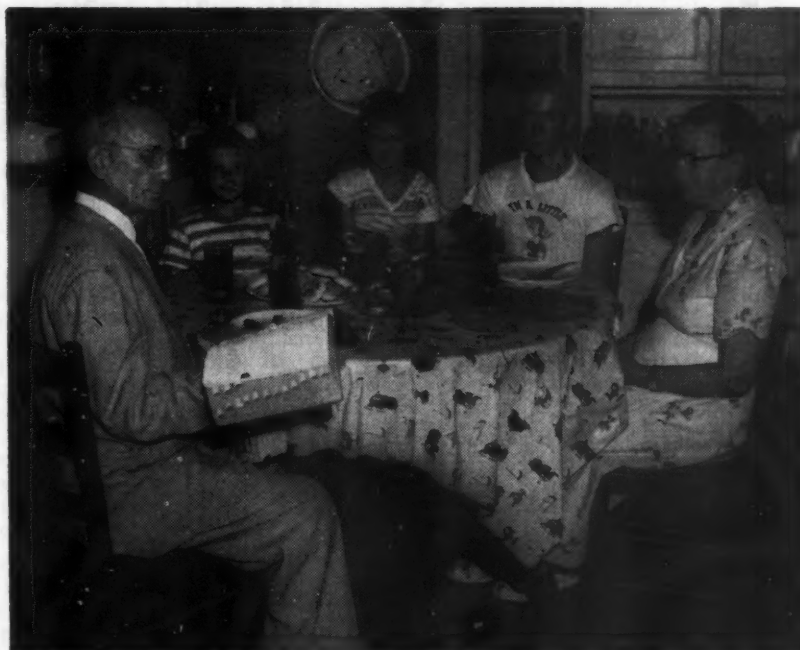
He has long since recovered from the arthritic condition that once forced him to sleep on boards, but he still has a weak heart.

"I know God can take care of that, too," he says, "but I am so thankful for what has already been done, and I can live with the heart condition, if necessary, and lead a full life."

During his years of illness, Sawyer found the strain of worry almost as painful as his physical ailments, and more than anything else he wanted to do something useful.

Two years ago he tried his hand at selling advertising specialties, and found it to be stimulating work that could be rewarding. But he could only stay out for short periods at a time because of his physical condition; and much time was consumed with walking and riding the bus, since he was unable to drive even if he had owned a car.

Since he got out of the hospital



the last time, though, he has hit the selling business with full force. A portion of the hallway of his home has been curtained off to form an office where he keeps his records and sample cases. But most of his work is done downtown where he calls on businessmen and merchants.

He is not getting rich, but he is making a living for himself and his family, and he has a feeling of "being useful." He says he feels better now than he did before he became too sick to work.

In the old days when he got to feeling a little blue he visited the hospital to see "people who were worse off than I was." And since his recovery he has not forgotten. He still drops by the hospital to offer words of encouragement to those who are traveling the road he once traveled.

They don't tell "in-law jokes" around the Sawyer home. Robert Sawyer feels he is blessed with "the finest in-laws in the world." Not only did they help him when he first came to Kannapolis, they have continued to help him. Behind the house in the 800 block of Bethpage Road is a bountiful garden that was put there when Robert Sawyer was unable to tend it. In the house are dozen of jars of canned goods that came from the garden that has been cultivated

from the beginning largely by Sawyer's in-laws.

This is just one "of the reasons" he thinks the world of his wife's relatives.

One of the things he has enjoyed most since he got on the road to recovery was a visit last spring to his old alma mater, Emmanuel College (formerly Franklin Springs Institute) in Georgia for commencement exercises. It was a real pleasure to greet old friends and classmates after so many years. The college paper ran a story on his remarkable recovery. He attended the junior college when he was younger, thinking in those days that he might enter the ministry. But even then his health was not up to par and he had to change those plans.

Does he have any regrets now that he did not go on to preach? Well, in a way he feels his long struggle for recovery has been something of a ministry in itself. "A lot of people have shaken my hand and said I had been a blessing to them; if that is true, I don't regret a day of my suffering."

He was recently elected Bible Class teacher at the Church of God and the church members are now urging him to write about his experiences. He may do that soon.

—The "Daily Independent" Sunday Magazine, Bill Mauldsby, Staff Writer

**The Church of God General Assembly will convene August 19-23 at the Ellis Memorial Auditorium in Memphis, Tennessee.**



# 1958 CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE

STATE	DATE	PLACE	BIBLE TEACHER	EVENING SPEAKER	OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE
Alabama	June 30-July 6	Campground, Birmingham	David L. Lemons	Wade H. Horton	James A. Cross
Arizona	May 12-16	44th St. Church, Phoenix	J. Frank Spivey	Ray H. Hughes	Earl P. Paulk
Arkansas	June 23-28	Campground, Bald Knob	James L. Slay	James L. Slay	James A. Cross
California-Nevada	June 23-29	Fairgrounds, Tulare, Calif.	David L. Lemons Zeno C. Tharp	Cheslie Collins	James A. Cross
Central Canada	July 28-Aug. 3	Fair Haven Camp Building, Wheatley, Ontario	V. B. Rains	James A. Cross	James A. Cross
Colorado-Utah	June 25-29	Canon City, Colo.	M. G. McLuhan	Ray H. Hughes	James A. Cross
Florida	June 10-19	Campground, Wimauma	Charles W. Conn	Raymond Crowley	H. D. Williams
Georgia	June 30-July 6	Campground, Doraville	James L. Slay	Paul LaVerne Walker	H. D. Williams
Idaho	June 9-15	Baptist Youth Camp, Post Falls	Danny Drake	Lindsey Pratt	H. D. Williams
Illinois	June 16-22	Campground, Benton	R. Leonard Carroll	James A. Cross	James A. Cross
Indiana	June 30-July 4	Battell School, Mishawaka	Danny Drake	Houston R. Morehead	H. D. Williams
Iowa	June 18-22	Free Methodist Campground, Birmingham	Wade H. Horton	James A. Cross	James A. Cross
Kansas	June 9-15	1704 S. Santa Fe St., Wichita	Danny Drake	Houston R. Morehead	H. D. Williams
Kentucky	June 30-July 5	Campground, Lexington	Wade H. Horton	James A. Cross	James A. Cross
Louisiana	June 23-28	Grammar School, Covington	Earl P. Paulk	Earl P. Paulk	Earl P. Paulk
Maryland-Delaware	July 21-27	Campground, Washington-Baltimore	M. G. McLuhan	Harry Mushegan	Earl P. Paulk
Michigan	June 9-14	Campground, Fenton	Earl P. Paulk, Jr.	Earl P. Paulk, Jr.	Houston R. Morehead
Mississippi	June 25-29	1001 Edwards St., Hattiesburg	George Alford	Ray H. Hughes	James A. Cross
Missouri	July 14-19	Campground, Leadwood	J. E. DeVore	J. E. DeVore	James A. Cross
Montana	July 10-13	Campground, Livingston	Ralph A. Wilson	Donald S. Aultman	H. D. Williams
Nebraska	June 19-21	3163 Nakoma Ave., East Omaha	Donald S. Aultman	Houston R. Morehead	H. D. Williams
New England States	July 7-13	Campground, Appleton, Maine	James A. Cross	James A. Cross	James A. Cross
New Jersey	June 5-8	Bordentown, 97½ Summitt St., East Orange, N. J.	G. W. Hodges	James A. Cross	James A. Cross
New Mexico	June 26-29	Carlsbad	Billy Sunday Myers	James L. Slay	H. D. Williams
New York	July 8-11	Local Church, Niagara Falls	J. E. DeVore	John D. Smith	H. D. Williams
North Carolina	June 30-July 6	Campground, Charlotte	M. G. McLuhan	M. G. McLuhan	Houston R. Morehead
North and South Dakota	June 24-29	Campground, Minot, N. D.	Wade H. Horton	Wade H. Horton	H. D. Williams
Ohio	June 23-28	Dayton	A. H. Batts	G. W. Lane	Houston R. Morehead
Oklahoma	June 16-21	Campground, Chandler	Billy Sunday Myers	C. R. Spain	Earl P. Paulk
Pennsylvania	July 1-10	Campground, Somerset	W. E. Tull	Vep Ellis	Houston R. Morehead
South Carolina	June 23-29	Campground, Mauldin	David L. Lemons	C. R. Spain	Earl P. Paulk
Tennessee	June 16-22	Campground, Chattanooga	C. R. Spain	H. D. Williams	H. D. Williams
Texas	June 16-22	Campground, Weatherford	C. R. Spain	Earl P. Paulk	Earl P. Paulk
Virginia	July 1-6	Campground, Roanoke	C. R. Spain	Earl P. Paulk	Earl P. Paulk
Washington-Oregon	July 7-13	Campground, Woodland, Wash.	Billy Sunday Myers	H. D. Williams	H. D. Williams
West Virginia	July 17-21	Field House, Beckley	J. E. DeVore	Earl P. Paulk	Earl P. Paulk
Wisconsin-Minnesota	June 5-8	2501 E. 22nd St., Minneapolis, Minn.	W. J. Brown	James A. Cross	James A. Cross
Wyoming	July 15-20	1613 E. 22nd St., Cheyenne	J. E. DeVore	Earl P. Paulk	Earl P. Paulk
Western Canada	July 15-20	International Bible College, Estevan, Sask.	H. D. Williams	Earl P. Paulk	Earl P. Paulk
Eastern District Spanish	July 9-12	2135-37 Third Ave., New York	Earl P. Paulk	H. D. Williams	H. D. Williams
Western District Spanish	May 1-4	1826 Rivas St., San Antonio, Texas	Earl P. Paulk	Earl P. Paulk	Earl P. Paulk

## THE HABIT OF GOING TO THE DEVIL

(Continued from page 3)

*when it giveth his colour in the cup, when  
it moveth itself aright.*

*At the last it biteth like a serpent, and  
stingeth like an adder.*

(Proverbs 23:29-32)

5. This is a day of *tranquilizers*. Science has developed various drugs to be taken in pill form that produce a false sense of peace and tranquillity. These pills relax disturbed emotions and give some assistance in medical use. But they can be purchased without prescription, and now they are being gulped down by the millions in an effort to find peace and serenity. Man seems to be eager to seize upon anything that gives him even a momentary sense of well-being. He seems to want to be stupefied, for reality is too severe, too straining, too heavy, too intense. But remember this, true peace cannot be purchased at a drug counter and swallowed like a pill. It was purchased at Calvary and is placed by a miracle in the heart of man.

6. *Escapism* is a term that has become very popular during this troubled generation. It means an escape from the tensions and stresses of life through mental diversion and retreat. To escape the harrowing grind of life, many find retreat in more pleasant activity such as reading, gardening, or other recreation. Now this, like a few other points I have mentioned, can be very beneficial up to a certain point. It must augment and not supplant the peace of God.

Recently I read an article by one of the best known persons in America on how to find escape from the troubles of our day. One by one the roads of escapism were pointed out: reading, gardening, movies, dancing, card playing, and the like. Nowhere was prayer mentioned, or church, or the Bible. Even when what could be beneficial is known, the good elements are ignored and the bad are emphasized.

The world is in the habit of going to the devil.

7. *Suicide* is the ultimate in the vain effort to escape trouble or sorrow. More than 15,000 Americans take their lives each year. This is life's final, futile struggle toward peace without God.

But these things need not be. There is peace in the face of reality. There is comfort and consolation in time of trouble. We do not need to go to the devil in our search for refuge.

The desire for refuge is universal and all men upon the earth have need of it. David knew the true refuge when he said,

*From the end of the earth will I cry unto  
thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me  
to the rock that is higher than I.*

*For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a  
strong tower from the enemy.*

*I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I  
will trust in the covert of thy wings.*

(Psalm 61:2-4)

At another time he said, "Oh that I had wings like

a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest" (Psalm 55:6).

There is peace for us when we will turn to the Prince of Peace. The invitation stands today.

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are  
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;  
for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye  
shall find rest unto your souls.*

*For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

(Matthew 11:28-30)

Although the world has developed the habit of going to the devil we as Christians should develop the habit of going to Christ. Only those who turn to Him find that which they seek. As the world turns its back on Him, His question to us remains "Will ye also go away?" Our answer, along with Simon Peter's, must be, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:67, 68).

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The National Sunday School and Youth Department has recently prepared the following **THREE** new brochures:

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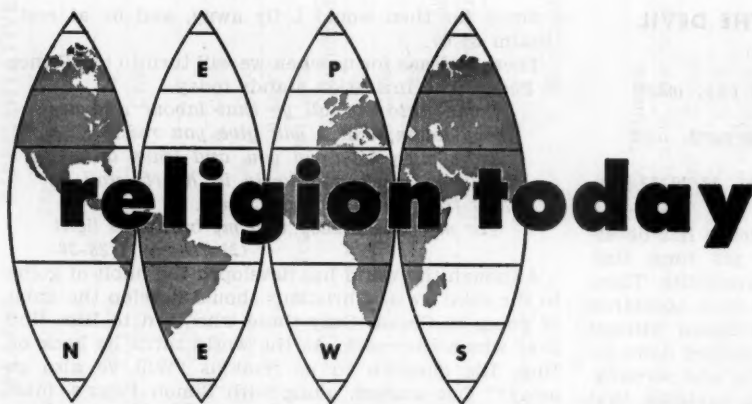
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### Catholic Author Cites

#### Protestant Evangelistic Zeal

A Roman Catholic author and home missionary urged Catholic educators meeting in New York City to emulate Protestants and increase their efforts to instill an evangelistic spirit in their students. Speaking before 4,800 teachers in the schools of the New York Archdiocese, the Rev. John A. O'Brien of the University of Notre Dame, cited a *Catholic Digest* survey showing that 58 per cent of Protestants in the U.S. try to share their faith with others. This he contrasted with a Roman Catholic effort of only 28 per cent.

Commenting on the survey, Mr. O'Brien said: "If we are to change that picture, as change it we must, it is necessary for us to begin in the grade schools. Only by doing so shall we get the convert-making missionary spirit into the bloodstream of our Catholic people." He placed emphasis on teaching students to read well so they might gain an increasing knowledge of religion. He said this would enable Catholics to tell the complete story of their religion to the 100,000,000 Americans who "rarely, if ever, attend any church."

"These people are our neighbors and our fellow countrymen," he said, "bound to us by the twin ties of a common tongue and a common citizenship. They have poured out their treasure and shed their blood with us in defense of our country and our liberty."

"They have an inescapable claim upon our friendship and love, and the right to our assistance in enabling them to learn the truths of the religion which constitutes our greatest treasure and the chief source of our happiness," he declared.

Father O'Brien said these people "have been subjected to a flood of anti-Catholic propaganda which has given them a distorted and

false picture of the church." He contended that when they fight against the Catholic Church, "they are in reality warring against the caricatures which have been planted in their minds."

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A three-cent stamp honoring religious liberty, which the Post Office issued December 27, has the Bible as its central design. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said the Bible in the design "bespeaks the

everlasting truth." Next to the Bible is a Pilgrim-style hat which he said is "symbolic of the people and the times." An inkwell and quill pen beside the Bible symbolize "men's determination to speak the truth through the written word." The stamp, which commemorates the 300th anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance, went on sale at Flushing, New York, on December 27.

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri—A new ministers' magazine called *Pulpit* will be launched by the Assemblies of God on a monthly basis. Charles W. H. Scott, an Assistant General Superintendent of the denomination, has been named editor. The first issue of the new magazine will appear in June 1958.

In Jackson, Mississippi, the hearts of church people were in the right place recently, but circumstances made it look different. They wanted to give their pastor encouragement, so they ran an article in their weekly church bulletin. The caption read "Boost the Pastor a Bit." But when the article left the church office, the devil got hold of it—a printer's devil, that is. When it was printed, the article bore a caption which now read, "Boot the Pastor a Bit."



The Rev. and Mrs. Willard Jackson Pritchard celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home at 3012 First Avenue Place, S.W., Hickory, North Carolina, December 15, 1957.

Brother Pritchard is a pioneer minister of the Church of God, having pastored churches in North Carolina and Tennessee for the past 34 years. He organized several churches in North Carolina. Brother Pritchard is now 75 years old. He retired from pastoral work in July 1957 while pastoring the Longview, North Carolina, Church, which he had organized in 1952. Brother and Sister Pritchard have nine children, seven of whom are Church of God members. Sister Pritchard is also a minister and a faithful church worker.



## African Evangelist to Be Heard at Pentecostal Conference

The Rev. Nicholas Bhengu, of East London, South Africa, who is known as the "black Billy Graham," will be one of the main speakers at the World Conference of Pentecostal Churches which is to meet in Toronto, Canada, in September. Another prominent delegate from South Africa will be the Honorable Gerald Wessells, a member of the Senate of the Union of South Africa. The conference is expected to attract delegates from more than 30 countries.

The South African evangelist was a Communist before his conversion. His evangelistic campaigns brought him into national prominence in 1951. As the result of his preaching, converts in his East London meetings voluntarily surrendered more than two large van loads of merchandise which had been stolen from whites. The merchandise was turned over to the police for return to the rightful owners. (The unconverted colored people in South Africa are notorious for their stealing. They have a philosophy that stealing is only a sin if the article is taken from a fellow black—but not if stolen from a white.)

Because of the great decrease in crime in the Cape Province city, the local city council of East London gave Bhengu's church a choice building site, valued at \$12,000, as an outright gift. Last year the new church edifice, seating 4,000, was officially opened. It was built at a cost of \$75,000, the money being provided entirely by the Africans themselves.

## Evangelical Scientist to Publish Anti-Evolution Book

A new book on Christianity and evolution composed of papers written by members of the American Scientific Affiliation will be published in 1959, the centennial year of the publishing of Darwin's theory of evolution. It will be edited by Dr. Russell Mixter, professor of biology at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

The American Scientific Affiliation is an organization of scientists who hold a conservative evangelical viewpoint. It seeks to foster an interest in the relationship between science and the Christian faith by means of a quarterly journal, local section meetings, national conventions and the publication of books. The organization has grown from a membership of five at its founding in 1941 to more than 700 at the present time.

# family devotions

By RUBY SLAY, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Monday, May 12

Scripture, 2 Timothy 1:12

"For I know whom I have believed. . . ." This is a positive statement. I know—not I think or I believe, but I know! It is our privilege to know Him as our Creator, our Redeemer, our Intercessor and our coming King. In these days when there seems to be so little security it is comforting to know the great "I AM," the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

Tuesday, May 13

Scripture, Psalm 48:14

"This God is our God!" The God who created the heaven and the earth and all therein is the same God who clothes the lilies of the field today. It is He who knows every sparrow that falls to the ground; it is He who sends the rain upon a parched earth and rays of sun to a cold land. This God who holds the world in His hands and is concerned with the welfare of man is my Father, and my God!

Wednesday, May 14

Scripture, Psalm 11:1

"In the Lord put I my trust." By looking at a beautiful butterfly one can learn from it to trust God. One might wonder where a butterfly could live in tempestuous nights, in the whirlwind, or in the stormy day; but it is safe and dry under the broad leaf while rivers flood, and mountain oaks are torn up by their roots. When the stormy winds of life lash about us; when the floods threaten to engulf us, we can hide away in the Rock of Ages.

Thursday, May 15

Scripture, Psalm 46:1

"God is our refuge and strength." How often we look to God as a last resort. Many times we go to God because there seems to be no other place to go. Yet, what a blessed lesson we often can learn from this experience, that the storms of life have driven us, not upon the rocks, but into the desired haven. The words of an old song that has blessed hundreds still ring out hope: "I have anchored my soul in the haven of rest; I'll sail the wild seas no more!"

Friday, May 16

Scripture, Isaiah 94:22

" . . . My God is the rock of my refuge." One writer said, "On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand." How comforting it is to know our hope is in the Rock of Ages! Let the winds blow, the rains fall, the lightning flash and the thunder roll, if our house has been built upon the rock we have nothing to fear. What peace floods our souls when we know that our anchor holds and grips the solid Rock, Christ Jesus!

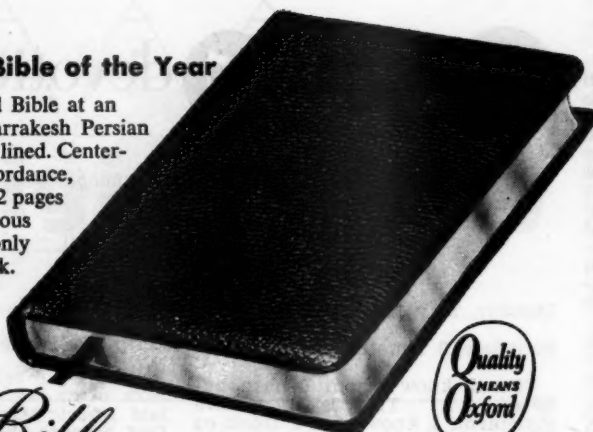
Saturday, May 17

Scripture, Psalm 34:4

"I sought the Lord and he heard me." Sir Henry Havelock said, "Flee in your troubles to Jesus Christ. The experience of upward of thirty years enables me to say no man ever had so kind a friend as He, or so good a Master. View Him not at a distance, but as a prop, a stay and a comforter, ever at hand, and He will requite your confidence by blessings illimitable." His arm is not shortened that it cannot save; neither is His ear heavy that it cannot hear!

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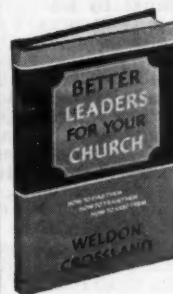
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